

The Independent Movement.

Each day's exchanges and telegraphic news bring us additional evidence of the formidable character of Republican and Independent opposition to the Chicago ticket. Despite the efforts of the original BLAINE and the crowd-creating organs to prove the contrary, it must be evident to every man who reads at all that disaffection is on the increase. Were this state of things simply the outgrowth of personal feeling towards Mr. BLAINE, who, like all men of positive character and aggressive disposition must engender strong personal antagonism, we would not be disposed to attach any great importance to it. But it is patent that this is not the case. Sufficient time has elapsed since the nomination to demonstrate that the cause of the revolt is more deep-seated than even we had reason at first to suppose. The first flush of disaffection being over, the anti-BLAINE Republican and the Independent parties are looking the situation calmly in the face. While they have not ceased their attacks upon BLAINE's record, they are discussing the issue at stake from the standpoint of principle. What they said in passion immediately after the Convention they now reiterate coolly and deliberately. The sum of these utterances is that the whole outcome at Chicago was a betrayal of the confidence of the best elements of the Republican party, and that the success of the ticket must endanger the best interests of the country. The logic of their position is that after the demagoguery developed at Chicago it would be suicidal for the business-men of the country to trust the BLAINE division of the party.

And in this the anti-BLAINE masses are keeping abreast of the press. In fact, it may be said that in some aspects of the situation the disaffected people are a step in advance of the papers. In Massachusetts the opposition has taken organized shape, and there is every reason to believe that there will be similar movements in various other sections of the country. It is true that the Independent movement may result in the formation of a new party rather than an auxiliary of the Democratic party, but it is equally true that in any event the Democrats have all to gain and nothing to lose—equally true that the breach between the BLAINE element and the anti-BLAINE and Independent elements of the Republican party is irreconcilable. The Philadelphia Press's "few disappointed voters" are developing into thousands, whose motto is no compromise with fraud, corruption, and demagoguery. The New York Tribune's little "band of kickers" prove to be members of an aggressive army. In support of this it may be stated that in addition to the names mentioned yesterday in our press dispatch from Boston the Boston papers of the day before published a list of signers nearly six columns long of "Republican and Independent voters of Massachusetts" who think "the nominations just made at Chicago ought not to be supported in any contingency likely to arise."

As we suggest above, and as the last resolution of the Boston meeting indicates, it is a question whether the independents will support the Democratic ticket or nominate a ticket of their own. Yet at present there is no good reason why they should not pursue the former course. If they are sincere in declaring for reform, they are already aligned with the Democracy, and nothing but a criminal blunder at Chicago in July could justify them in not voting with the Democrats. That such a blunder will not be made we are certain.

The National Education Association. We earnestly hope that our Virginia colleges will be well represented at the National Education Association which meets in Madison, Wisconsin, July 10th. The occasion will mark a most important educational event, and matters of vital interest will come up for discussion. Recently the movement towards reform in educational methods, changes in systems, the introduction of new ideas, and the development of new purposes has set in strongly both in this country and in Europe. In fact, as pronounced as this movement becomes, says the Chicago Current, "that there is necessity for conservative influence and direction lest the experimentalists overdo themselves." This we think is very forcibly illustrated in the radical views held by some of the representatives of both the strait-jacket and the anti-strait-jacket schools. During the sessions of the Association there will be, we learn, a full and free interchange of ideas regarding technical education, elective privileges of students, the proper position of the classics in the curriculum, and the advisability of more thorough instruction in modern languages. On these points the experience and opinions of some of the ablest educators in the North and West will be given, and it is expected that much good will result.

But it is not alone for the benefit Virginia professors would derive from attending the meeting that we would urge a good Virginia representation. While it is certain that if the personnel of the Association proves to be what we are led to anticipate, no man will take part in its proceedings without having his ideas enlarged, it is also certain that between delegates from Virginia and other States benefits will be reciprocal. There is no State in the Union whose colleges have done more for the educational progress of the country than have the colleges of Virginia. Their alumni hold important positions in educational institutions all over the land. This fact, we think, not only shows that our colleges are fully abreast of the times, but renders it incumbent upon them to lend their aid in forwarding the work of the Association. It is safe to say that there is not an institution of learning in the State that could not send to the Association more than one representative who would make records of which we would have reason to be proud. Let the proper authorities of our colleges and universities consider the matter.

Sound Doctrine.

The Providence Journal, commenting on the protest of Broadstreet against the growing tendency of corporations, particularly railway companies, to conceal or misrepresent their true financial status, says: "The protest should be cordially approved and re-echoed. Such concealment and misrepresentation are the basis of much financial disaster to-day. The reported standing of great corporations is the most influential factor in general business credit and transaction. It is as much dishonesty for the whole corporation to present a false balance-sheet to the public as for one defaulting corporation clerk to present a false balance-sheet to his employers. Indeed, considered in its relations to business stability and the public faith, the former crime is the greater one. Corporations exist for public grant and tolerance, and are therefore especially accountable to the public for honesty."

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION.

First Day's Night Session—Second Day—Uniform Lessons—Women on the Platform—Foreign Sunday-School Work.

(Reported for the Dispatch.)  
LOUISVILLE, KY., June 12, 1884.

The meeting to-night at the Opera House packed every seat, and the overflowed into the hall and the balcony. The Convention was a very large assembly, and the meetings both at the Walnut-Street Baptist and the Fourth-Street Christian churches. The report of Rev. Dr. Warren Randolph, of Rhode Island, on "The Work of the International Sunday-School Lesson Committee," was a brilliant sketch of the history of Uniform Lessons," its introduction, its advantages, and its progress until now in the whole world. The Sunday schools are engaged every Sunday in studying the same lesson from God's Word.

There is some difference of opinion as to how many shall constitute the committee to prepare the schedule for these "International Lessons," and as to how far the committee shall be instructed by the Convention, or left free to follow their own judgment in arranging the lessons. But the majority have already voted that the committee shall consist, as now, of fourteen members; that a committee of one from each delegation shall recommend names to the Convention, and that the committee, when selected, shall be untrammelled in making its scheme of lessons.

Rev. Henry C. Woodruff, of Connecticut, read a very interesting report on the work of the Foreign Sunday-School Association, whose work is to push Sunday schools in foreign lands.

Professor Paul Cooke, of Paris, made an exceedingly interesting address on "The Work in Europe." He said that he occupied before the Convention a very singular position—a Frenchman representing England before an American audience. But after speaking of his own work in England he gave some deeply interesting details of his Sunday-school work in France.

The last address of the evening was made on "The Work in Africa" by Bishop O. Clifton Penick, who gave deeply interesting details of his personal observations and work in Africa, and made an eloquent appeal for "the dark continent."

Second Day.  
Rev. Dr. A. G. Haygood, of Georgia, made this morning a thrillingly eloquent address on "The Neglecting Classes," and Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Massachusetts, made a practical and telling address on "Need of Inter-Denominational Work."

The last hour of the morning session was spent in a series of short talks from representatives of each delegation, and pledges of money to carry on the work of the Convention for the next three years.

A colored brother from Chicago made a ringing speech, which excited great enthusiasm, and which was in admirable tone and spirit in his allusions to the white people of the South, and their disposition to help the negro in his work.

AFTERNOON SESSION.  
The subject this afternoon was, "The Sunday Lesson."  
(1) What Shall We Expect from Scholars?—M. Z. Hazard, of Illinois.  
(2) "The Supplemental Lesson"—J. L. Hurlbut, D. D., of New Jersey.

(3) How Taught to Primary Classes?—Mrs. M. G. Kennedy, of Pennsylvania.  
(4) How Taught to Intermediate Classes?—Miss Lucy J. Rider, of Illinois.  
(5) How Studied in Teachers' Meetings?—Next Sunday's lesson, Romans viii. 28-30. Led by Rev. A. F. Schaeffer, of New York.

This programme was carried out with great enthusiasm, and was of deep interest. The addresses were admirable, and the illustrations of methods of teaching were models given by masters in the art.

Your correspondent does not believe in women speaking in public, and was converted to the idea that we should violate the plain teachings of God's word in order to "keep step to the progress of the age."

I am frank to say that if women must take the platform I should be glad to have them speak as well as did Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Rider.

The delegation has continued to increase, and the hospitality of Louisville has been more than equal to the emergency. Indeed, the local committee have been able to find room for the delegates, and the delegates have been able to find room for their baggage.

The following is a correct list of the Virginia delegation present: Rev. J. W. Jones, D. D., of Richmond; Rev. J. K. Hazard, D. D., of New York; Rev. L. B. Turnbull, Rev. S. H. Riddle, G. W. Milby, Rev. Carter Helm Jones, Rev. George C. Abbott, Rev. John T. Betts, Rev. J. B. Moffitt, Rev. James H. Wright, Rev. George W. Hurt, Rev. A. P. Funkhouser.

There is here a very large "lobby" of the Women's Temperance Union who are trying to push through certain of their schemes, but the Convention has thus far shown a very decided opposition to them. The important matters to the wisdom of their Executive Committee, it cannot yet be prophesied with certainty what the Convention may be led to do under the spell of woman's eloquence and the magic of her influence.

Evening Session.  
We had to-night a packed house both at the Opera House and at Walnut-Street church. I went to the latter place, where we had a splendid treat. The topic for the evening was "The Bible," and was thus divided and discussed:

(1) The Word of God—Rev. Dr. W. H. Woodruff, of Ontario.  
(2) The Teacher's Text-Book and Weapon—J. H. Vincent, D. D.  
(3) The World's Light and Guide—G. C. Lorimer, D. D., of Illinois.

Dr. Lorimer made the speech of the evening, and it was a most brilliant and eloquent presentation of the Bible as the lamp of truth and guide of life I ever heard.

Third Day.  
MORNING SESSION.  
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This morning we had the report of the Executive Committee on the appointment of the "Lesson Committee," who have under their charge the arranging of the scheme of "international lessons."

The committee explained that they had sent out delegates to all fourteen foreign countries to appoint members of the committee, and that they had retained eight of the old members of the committee that they might have their experience, and had introduced six new members with their fresh blood.

The following were unanimously elected members of the Lesson Committee: John H. Vincent, D. D., (chairman), Connecticut; John Hall, D. D.,